

From the Desk of County Executive Daniel M. Finley...

Waukesha County has a park system that is second to none in Wisconsin. From exploring the environment at the Retzer Nature Center and swimming at Fox Brook Park to facing the challenge of Naga-Waukeez Golf Course and skating at the Eble Ice Center, we have something to offer to every outdoor enthusiast.

I am pleased to inform you about some exciting improvements being made to the Waukesha County Park System this year. Work continues on Fox River Park in the Town of Waukesha. Fox River Park will provide picnic areas, recreation and education trails, canoe access and a boardwalk/overlook of the Fox River. We are also extending the Lake Country Recreation Trail from Cushing Park in the City of Delafield into the Town of Summit.

And, as always, an additional \$1 million will be earmarked for the Legacy Parkland Acquisition Fund for continued purchases of parkland and open space. This program has been a tremendous success as we have purchased hundreds of acres of land to develop into parks in the years to come.

I am proud to continue my commitment to provide a quality Waukesha County Park System for our citizens today and for future generations.

COUNTY ADDS ANNUAL SATELLITE HHW COLLECTIONS

By: Linda Wainstock, Recycling Specialist

In the addition to the County's three year-round household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites at Menomonee Falls, Muskego and Waukesha City, residents in outlying communities have an opportunity to take their hazardous waste to a nearby site on a set date once a year.

This new arrangement began in May with Mukwonago being the first community to have their annual collection on the 3rd Saturday in May, followed by Brookfield the 1st Saturday in June. From now on, the communities listed below will have HHW collections on the same Saturday of the same month each year.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Collection Site: Municipal garage or DPW building

Brookfield	1 st Saturday in June
Delafield	3 rd Saturday in June
Mukwonago Village	3 rd Saturday in May
New Berlin	4 th Saturday in September
Oconomowoc	2 nd Saturday in September
Ottawa	1 st Saturday in October

For a brochure listing locations, times and acceptable materials for all of the household hazardous waste collection sites, call the county's HHW information line at **(262) 896-8016** or visit the website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE!

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Splashing in one of the 84 licensed seasonal public pools located in Waukesha County is one option for water fun this summer. You may also choose to take a dip at one of the five Waukesha County park beaches. Either way the Environmental Health Division strives to keep your recreational outing a healthy and safe one. Operators of public swimming pools are required to check for adequate chlorine disinfection and proper pH levels a minimum of twice daily and submit their monthly test records to the Environmental Health Division. Environmental Health Sanitarians make periodic and unannounced inspections to insure proper code compliance. If you visit one of our own county park swimming beaches you'll find life guards on duty and weekly beach water samples being tested for the presence of fecal coliform bacteria at our own state-certified laboratory. For your safety and your family's don't swallow recreational water, change young children's swim diapers frequently and always shower before and after leaving swimming areas. Health hazards associated with recreational waters include dermatitis, gastrointestinal illness, and "Swimmer's Itch," a red itchy rash, which can develop from swimming in lakes. Medical attention is seldom needed for these illnesses. If you have questions concerning waterborne illnesses, a Public Health Nurse or your physician may be able to assist you. Remember that all testing and inspection reports are a matter of public record. You can always ask to see these reports before entering any licensed recreation center, water park, condominium, apartment, fitness center or hotel pool anywhere in the state. Our goal is to help you enjoy a safe and healthy summer of swimming.

If you have questions concerning the county's beaches, seasonal public pools, (and the 99 year around licensed public pools), please call an Environmental Health Supervisor at (262) 896-8300.

